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1.  The amendment filed on 04 June 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

*The application has been allowed based on the amendment and response filed on May 24, 2004. Applicant stated that the present invention is directed to a technique of completing the functionalization reaction with a modifier while maintaining the solid state of PPE powder which is disclosed in the specification also. Thus, the recited "melting point of (a)" of claim 1 would include a particular temperature around said melting point of (a) such as the onset-melting point in which said PPE would start to melt since said PPE powder would have a small range of temperature from the onset melting point for a liquid state.*



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